66. Needs of the Agasteeswaram taluk.

MR. RAMASWAMI NADAR SIVASUBRAHMONYA NADAR (*Member, Agasteeswaram taluk*) said that a dispensary should be opened at Eathamoli. The village of Eathamoli was a very populous one with nearly a thousand families. There were no dispensaries in the place or within a radius of five miles of it.

The morning dispensary at Kottaram should be converted into a full time one and it should be removed to a new building with an office-room for the medical officer, a compounding room, a waiting room and a private room for examining patients.

The public tank in S. No. 888 in the Vadiviswaram pakuthi should be deepened and a bathing ghat should be constructed in it.

The bathing ghat in the N. P. channel at Kottaram was in complete disrepair. It also jutted into the main road causing great inconvenience to traffic. It should be reconstructed as soon as possible.

The villages of Eathamoli and Rajakkamangalam should be linked up by the extension of the Rajakkamangalam beach road so as to meet the Eathamoli road. The road will facilitate the transport of salt from Rajakkamangalam.

The proposed road to Erulappapuram for which estimates were prepared about two years ago should be opened without more delay.

A road had been opened from Manikattipottal to Pulluvilai *via* Mukilanvilai. It ran through a vast extent of private lands, the owners of which were not at all likely to surrender them free of compensation. Government should therefore acquire the necessary area and take over the road for departmental maintenance.

The proposed road for the use of the Sambavars from the 50th mile of the Cape road to Thevakulamcheri was sanctioned about 13 years ago. But the work had not yet been taken up. It should be started very soon.

A bridge should be constructed across the N. P. channel near Mandaramputhur for the convenience of the Sambavar and the Muhammedan villagers on either side of the channel.

The Sannadi bridge across the Pazhayar at Suchindram should be repaired or reconstructed, if it was really unfit for heavy traffic. Loaded buses were not now allowed to run over the bridge. But unloaded buses together with so many passengers on foot, which probably meant the same thing as loaded buses, were crossing the bridge every now and then without any danger.

The posts of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools should be abolished and in their stead Range Inspectors should be appointed who should have control both over the English and the vernacular schools in their respective ranges. The Range Inspectors should be under the immediate control of the Director of Public Instruction.

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Permission should be granted for opening the English Middle School at Agasteeswaram for which sanction was once given but subsequently withdrawn. There were already several primary schools in the neighbourhood which would supply pupils to the proposed Middle School. The *poramboke* site on which it was proposed to erect the school building was also available now. It would only be in keeping with the declared policy of Government to encourage private enterprise in the field of education to sanction the opening of this school, particularly in view of the fact that the people whom it was designed to benefit were mostly Nadars, who were by no means remarkable for their educational advancement.

The Kanyakumari pakuthi cutcherry which was now located in the extreme south of the pakuthi, at Cape Comorin, should in the interests of the ryots be shifted to a central place like Maharajapuram. If this were not feasible, the pakuthi should be divided into two and each part given a separate cutcherry.

The disputed highway at Myladi which had been the subject of so many representations at consecutive sessions of the Assembly should be declared a *rajapatha*.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sivasubrahmanya Nadar, in regard to the opening of a dispensary at Eathamoli, the Administrative Board, Medical Services has been asked by Government to draw up a programme for the opening of dispensaries during the year 1105 and this one that you mention will be considered, I have no doubt, and taken along with the others.

You want a bathing ghat in S. No. 888 of the Vadiveeswaram pakuthi. The Chief Engineer reports that the tank is so shallow that the bathing ghat will be of little use. So the construction af a bathing ghat will not be of such use as you think.

The Chief Engineer has under examination the question of joining the Eathamoli road with the Rajakkamangalam beach road. A revised estimate has just been received from the Chief Engineer for the opening of a road from the Dharmapuram road, 1st mile, 6th furlong, to Erulappapuram.

In the matter of metalling the Pottal road an estimate has been received from the Chief Engineer and is under scrutiny.

I shall ask the Chief Engineer to see whether a bridge over the N. P. Channel near Mandaramputhur is really necessary.

As regards the repair of the Sannathi bridge at Suchindram, I do not agree with you that it is safe to allow bus traffic on it. The Chief Engineer is making an estimate for the reconstruction of this bridge.

I shall pass on to the Director of Public Instruction for consideration and report to Government the subject of improving education by wholesale abolition of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors.

I regret it is not possible to shift the Kanyakumari pakuthi cutchery nor is it possible to bifurcate the pakuthi.

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